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<p style="text-align: center;"><b>RESPONSE</b></p> <p>Address to: Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria VA 22313-1450</p>	Attorney Docket Confirmation No.	10030468-1 6820
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Sir:

This communication is responsive to the Office Action dated September 18, 2008 for which a three month period for response was given, making this response due by December 18, 2008. Accordingly, this amendment is timely filed.